

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. - 6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) An electronic camera comprising:

an image-capturing device that captures an image of a subject and generates image data; and

a recording device that records the image data generated by ~~said~~the image-capturing device in combination with photographic information, which is at least one type of information related to photographing, ~~such as a photographing date,~~ in a removable memory, wherein:

during an image-capturing stage in ~~said~~the electronic camera, processing time elapsing from image-capturing through recording is reduced by implementing in parallel an image-capturing operation ~~by said~~performed by the image-capturing device to capture the image of the subject and an editing operation of the photographic information performed by ~~said~~the recording device to edit the photographic information regarding the same image of the subject captured in the image-capturing operation.

8. (Currently Amended) An electronic camera comprising:

an image-capturing device that captures an image of a subject and generates image data;

a recording device that records the image data generated by ~~said~~the image-capturing device in a removable memory, wherein:

during an image-capturing stage in ~~said~~the electronic camera, processing time elapsing from image-capturing through recording is reduced by implementing in parallel an image-capturing operation ~~by said~~performed by the image-capturing device to capture the

image of the subject and a preparing operation for data recording in ~~said~~the removable memory performed by ~~said~~the recording device to record image data regarding the same image of the subject captured in the image-capturing operation.

9. (Currently Amended) An electronic camera comprising:  
an image-capturing device that captures an image of a subject and generates image data; and  
an image processing device that performs two-dimensional image processing on the image data generated by ~~said~~the image-capturing device, wherein:  
processing time during an image-capturing stage in ~~said~~the electronic camera is reduced by implementing in parallel a scanning read of the image data from ~~said~~the image-capturing device and the two-dimensional image processing on the same image data performed by ~~said~~the image processing device.

10. (Currently Amended) An electronic camera comprising:  
an image-capturing device that captures an image of a subject and generates image data;  
an image processing device that performs two-dimensional image processing on the image data generated by ~~said~~the image-capturing device; and  
a compression conversion device that performs image compression on the image data having undergone the two-dimensional image processing at ~~said~~the image processing device, wherein:  
processing time during an image-capturing stage in ~~said~~the electronic camera is reduced by implementing in parallel the two-dimensional image processing on the image data performed by ~~said~~the image processing device and the image compression ~~by said~~on the same image data performed by the compression conversion device.

11. (Currently Amended) An electronic camera comprising:  
an image-capturing device that captures an image of a subject and generates image data;  
an image processing device that performs two-dimensional image processing on the image data generated by ~~said~~the image-capturing device; and  
a size conversion device that converts an image plane size of image data having undergone the two-dimensional image processing at ~~said~~the image processing device, wherein:

processing time during an image-capturing stage in ~~said~~the electronic camera is reduced by implementing in parallel the two-dimensional image processing on the image data performed by ~~said~~the image processing device and an image plane size conversion by ~~said~~on the same image data performed by the size conversion device.

12. (Currently Amended) An electronic camera according to claim 11, further comprising:  
a thumbnail compression device that performs image compression processing on the image data having undergone the image plane size conversion performed by ~~said~~the size conversion device, wherein:

processing time during an image-capturing stage in ~~said~~the electronic camera is reduced by implementing in parallel the image plane size conversion on the image data performed by ~~said~~the size conversion device and the image compression processing on the same image data performed by ~~said~~the thumbnail compression device.

13. (Currently Amended) An electronic camera comprising:  
an image-capturing device that captures an image of a subject and generates image data;

a compression conversion device that performs image compression on the image data generated by ~~said~~the image-capturing device; and

a recording device that records compressed data resulting from the image compression performed by ~~said~~the compression conversion device in a removable memory, wherein:

during an image-capturing stage in ~~said~~the electronic camera, processing time elapsing from image-capturing through recording is reduced by implementing in parallel the image compression on the image data performed by ~~said~~the compression conversion device and recording of the compressed data ~~by said~~of the same image data performed by the recording device.

14. - 18. (Cancelled)

19. (New) An electronic camera according to claim 7, wherein the image-capturing operation is an exposure operation performed by the image-capturing device.

20. (New) An electronic camera according to claim 8, wherein the preparing operation for data recording is an operation to read out a FAT (file allocation table) from the removable memory performed by the recording device.

21. (New) An electronic camera according to claim 9, wherein the image processing device starts the two-dimensional image processing on the image data when the scanning read of the image data from the image-capturing device has been performed on a part of the image data.

22. (New) An electronic camera according to claim 10, wherein when the image processing device has performed the two-dimensional image processing on a part of the image data, the compression conversion device starts the image compression on the image data having undergone the two-dimensional image processing.

23. (New) An electronic camera according to claim 11, wherein when the image processing device has performed the two-dimensional image processing on a part of the image data, the size conversion device starts the image plane size conversion on the image data having undergone the two-dimensional image processing.

24. (New) An electronic camera according to claim 13, wherein when the compression conversion device has performed the image compression on a part of the image data, the recording device starts the recording of the compressed data.